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## Healthy Happy Families

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### Productive Partnership Helps Cause

Art for Autism and Mercedes Benz of Tampa have partnered to provide employment opportunities to people with autism. The dealership's new location at 4400 North Dale Mabry Highway has provided space for Artistas Café to serve guests and customers. Run by the non-profit Art for Autism, the café is staffed by young adults on the Autism Spectrum and serves premium gourmet beverages such as coffees, teas and cocoas, bearing names like "The Picasso." It's open during the dealership's regular hours.

More about Art for Autism at [Javamo.com](http://Javamo.com).



### Help When People Need It

[CaringBridge.org](http://CaringBridge.org) is a free service that allows users to quickly create a website that will communicate with friends and family during a medical crisis. It works from any device that connects to the Internet by following a few simple steps and users have complete control over the level of privacy. Users can easily update loved ones with online journal entries so they focus energies on the person who requires healing.

  
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### Kids Do Amazing Things Every Day!

If you know an amazing kid who has made a difference in someone's life, nominate him or her for the Every Child Makes A Difference community awards program. Every Child Makes A Difference honors "Young Heroes with Big Hearts" who have reached out in some way to help others, and have made a difference, right here in the Tampa Bay community.

Whether your young hero helped out a sick neighbor or organized a holiday canned food drive, After Hours Pediatrics Urgent Care wants to hear their story. The final winners will be rewarded with a prize package valued at \$2,500, an actual star in the sky named in their honor and an engraved crystal star trophy. The winners along with their families will also be given the star treatment when they are honored at a Red Carpet Awards Gala in Summer 2011.

Nominate your young hero, ages 5-21, for the Every Child Makes A Difference awards program at [EveryChildMakesADifference.com](http://EveryChildMakesADifference.com). Nominations open January 1st.



### A&E Scared Straight

January begins a new series on the A&E Network aimed at educating youth about the consequences of a life of crime. *Beyond Scared Straight* is a modern version of the classic that gained notoriety and won multiple Emmy Awards in the 1970s.

The series has been re-made because today's youth need a different approach. Modern TV, film and music have glorified the gang and prison experience and so the task of "scaring" teens is more complicated. Each episode will focus on a different prison program following at-risk teens. The January premiere episode features teenaged girls who engage in activities such as drugs, drinking, shoplifting, fighting and associating with gangs.

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